



**CHARTER OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**
Legislative and Communications Standing Committee
Approved by the ECICC May 13, 2005

I. Purpose:

The purpose of the Legislative and Communications Standing Committee is to examine state and federal legislation that will impact early childhood services and funding streams, develop educational information on pending legislation that should be communicated to others, and draft recommendations to be reviewed by the full ECICC when the committee feels the Council should take a position on pending legislation.

II. Scope:

- The Legislative and Communications Standing Committee will determine what state and federal legislation will impact early childhood services and funding streams within Nebraska.
- The Standing Committee will assign roles and responsibilities for committee members to follow and research the impact of potential legislation.
- The Standing Committee will coordinate resources and linkages to information on legislation.
- The Standing Committee will develop and maintain an ongoing relationship with the Governor's Office to ensure feedback on the Council's recommendations.
- The Standing Committee will provide an on-going structure and process for communication with the ECICC, its members, and the state, regional and local entities likely to be impacted by the state and federal legislation.
- Informational sheets about the legislation will be developed and distributed to the membership on pending legislation and its status.
- A website will be developed and maintained by the Early Childhood Training Center for assistance to the ECICC and others on Communicating about Early Childhood Issues. The web link is: <http://www.esu3.org/ectc/issues/issues.htm>.
- The Standing Committee will provide regular legislative updates at Council meetings when the legislature is in session.
- The Standing Committee will draft recommendations when it believes that full Council should take action on a piece of legislation.

III. Sponsor:

The Legislative and Communications Standing Committee is chartered through the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council.

IV. Roles and Responsibilities:

The Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council will advise and contribute information to the standing committee, review work products, and make recommendations for accepting, modifying and transmitting its work products to the Governor, Legislature, and/or State Agencies.

The Standing Committee will establish timelines and action steps; organize materials; establish conference calls and meetings of the standing committee; develop documents, and report to the ECICC; and finalize work products.

V. Membership: *(May, 2005)*

Chairperson for this standing committee is: Derek Weimer

Task Force members will include, but not be limited to:

Mary A Frank
Kathy Anderson
Nina Baker
Carol Fichter
Mark Smith
Lea Ann Johnson
Kim Peterson
Carrie Witte

Technical Assistance and support staff are:

Terry Rohren

VI. Desired Outcomes:

1. Legislation will be identified and prioritized as to its impact on early childhood issues.
2. Ongoing communication processes will be established with the Governor's Office on ECICC recommendations.
3. Informational sheets on legislation will be developed and distributed to the ECICC members, and when appropriate the local, and regional entities likely to be impacted by the legislation.

VII. Communication Process:

The task force leaders will report routinely to the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council in accordance with its agreed upon process.